

his degree in criminology. Upon graduation, he received his first active duty assignment with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed in Amberg, Germany. He was quickly assigned to a number of leadership positions while stationed there, including M1 Abrams tank platoon leader, scout platoon leader, support platoon leader, and executive officer.

The experiences he acquired in his first active duty assignment included the field that he would eventually devote the majority of his career to—military intelligence. Colonel Moore helped provide valuable intelligence to our service men and women across the globe to ensure they completed their missions efficiently and safely. He served the intelligence community as Detachment L commander for the Washington field office during Operation Desert Storm, Chief of the Military Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Team, Product Manager for Information Warfare within Program Executive Office Intelligence, and as the Army's Senior Systems Coordinator for Information Operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Moore has received countless awards and decorations from his years of service. These include, but are by no means limited to, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and The Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Albert Einstein put it perfectly when he said "only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Lieutenant Colonel Moore has exemplified a life lived in the service of others. I want to commend Lieutenant Colonel Moore and thank him for his long and honorable service to our country. I wish him a happy retirement and many years of joy with his family and friends.

COMMENDING DENISE MILES OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Denise Miles of Summit, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is held by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District to highlight the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women organization seeks to recognize the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service, women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Volunteerism Award will be given to Denise because of her extensive volunteer efforts at numerous organizations throughout Union County.

Specifically, Denise is considered the backbone of the Wallace Chapel of the AME Zion Church, where every Monday she calls church

members who were not in church on Sunday and checks in on those who are sick or homebound. Each Tuesday Denise delivers Meals on Wheels where she spends time with each family and brings them food and friendship. After working for 38 years at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey as a nurse, Denise now volunteers in the hospital's Chaplain Service. In this effort, she goes room to room visiting patients of all denominations. Denise also volunteers weekly at her local library and reads to preschoolers during story time.

Denise keeps this vigorous volunteer schedule despite the fact that she does not have a car. She literally volunteers every day of the week by walking from place to place or taking the bus.

Denise Miles of Summit, New Jersey is a true American hero. She has a demonstrated a deep commitment to helping others through her selfless sacrifice and hard work. So many people in Union County benefit directly from her efforts.

I am pleased to congratulate Denise Miles for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

OPPOSING THE BLAIR HOLT'S FIREARM LICENSING AND RECORD OF SALE ACT

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago, I stood on the floor of the House of Representatives to express the outrage I'm hearing from Montanans regarding H.R. 45 and similar bills that erode our Second Amendment rights and make eventual confiscation of firearms easier. Even gun-control advocates understand that this bill goes too far. They promise that H.R. 45 will never pass.

Notice, they don't say it shouldn't pass—only that it won't.

Some of my colleagues here in Washington, D.C. wish it could pass. And that's why it remains so important to stand our ground against The Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act and similar measures.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." While public outcry has made H.R. 45 a politically unattractive proposal for now, make no mistake about it: if we ease back, even for a moment, opponents of the Second Amendment will take advantage.

I recently created a user-group on the popular social networking website Facebook entitled "Fight to Protect the 2nd Amendment Against H.R. 45." It has been incredible to watch the response as friends have invited friends to join and people posted their opinions on "The Wall" for others to read. In a little over two weeks, the group has more than 1,500 members, with more joining every day.

Sadly a bill like H.R. 45 isn't politically unattractive because it's a bad idea. Congress passes bad ideas every day. It's politically unattractive because Americans like those in my Facebook group are taking Thomas Jefferson's advice and remaining vigilant. It's politically unattractive because of the grassroots advocacy that has arisen against it.

To make it clear that advocates of liberty will pay the price of vigilance for our freedom, here is a sampling of some of the comments that were written on the wall in that angry little corner of Facebook.

"The ability to bear arms has much more to do with being able to protect one's self than it does for those hunting. I used a 22 rifle once to keep an invader out of my apartment. I didn't have any ammo but all the guy needed to see was my gun pointing at him when he broke into my front door, he promptly left and I was one less victim of who knows what crime. Don't take that right to defend myself away from me. I don't want to be a statistic!"—Jaclyn Colebank

"As once was written, 'If guns kill people then pencils misspell words.' As an avid gun owner and 25 year old female I appreciate the constitution and the rights we have been given. The second amendment assists us in protecting the first. If someone decides to break into my home and deprive me of my life, liberty and/or happiness, I am going to protect those rights using a firearm if necessary."—Amanda Barta

"I use to never want to have a gun in my home. They always scared me. My husband is a trucker and over a year I am pretty much alone with just my son in the home. I am disabled so I can't really get away from someone if they were to break in. A couple of guys threatened my son and myself. Immediately I told my husband that soon as he came home we were going to get me a gun and he was going to teach me to shoot. I need to know how to protect my family and myself. I also realize that an unarmed society is nothing but slaves to the government. The Founding Fathers knew that the people needed a way to protect themselves from a government gone wild which is why they made sure we have the 2nd amendment. I am now a member of the NRA and I will not be disarmed. Statistics prove that areas that have gun bans have a much higher crime rate. I am a rape survivor and had I carried a gun then maybe I would not have been a victim. Never again."—Anita Calbert

"If I'm a violent criminal all set to ply my trade, I'd rather operate in an unarmed helpless community than your basic Montana town. What is it about an armed populace that is so frightening?"—Randy Nankivel

"The second amendment states, 'A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.' While H.R. 45 does not outright ban guns, it would impair the purchase and ownership of arms to the point to where it would have the same effect as a ban, and as such H.R. 45 should be considered unconstitutional. Opponents will claim as long as there is the opportunity to buy a gun, however small, the second amendment would not be violated. This is an abuse of the definition and meaning of the second amendment, unfairly restricting the scope of amendment and marginalizing it until rendered ineffective."—Eric Fulton

"Being a gun owner is not only a privilege but my right. Anyone who wants to take our gun rights has forgotten how the birth of our great country came about. I enjoy target shooting as well as hunting. It is something my husband and I do to spend time together. If we let Congress pass any bill allowing them to take our guns, it would be detrimental to the well being of every American. The criminals will have them anyway and the hard working citizens will have no way to protect themselves, not to mention being able to hunt. Hunting is a way of life for a lot of families, especially families who cannot afford to buy beef etc. I see absolutely nothing positive being gained by taking our gun rights."—Tara Preshinger

"Guns have been a part of my life and my family's life since we have lived in the US. It has been a useful tool in feeding my family since we have been here. I am a soldier, hunter, brother, son and many other things and I refuse to let this right be taken from me when all that will happen is it will take firearms from people who use them as tools and a way of life and those who use them for bad will get them one way or another. If guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns and we will have nothing to protect ourselves with. That's way I say this right is important to me. I am here to protect my family, friends, and the US from all enemies and I feel sorry for the poor sap that tries to take this right away from me."—Clint Dean

"As a U.S. Soldier and a Montanan guns have always been a part of my life. I will never give up the right to keep and bear arms. I say if anyone wants to take my guns. . . . You can try but you might want to wait till I'm reloading!!!!!"—Matt Calnan

"There are so many reasons to oppose gun control, it's hard to pick a favorite. I would say that the main reason is that it simply doesn't work. Look at places like Great Britain and Mexico—have they become violence-free Utopias, or do their defenseless citizens now suffer exploded rates of violent crimes committed with total impunity since having been disarmed? If civil disarmament worked well, then Great Britain wouldn't need 40 cameras on every street corner; and they wouldn't try to do it either for fear of armed revolt. What do our leaders hope to accomplish with gun control? Also, how many of them are willing to give up their own guns, or the guns of their bodyguards? Finally, if they take our weapons, will they legislate to overturn *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*? If not, then WHO will protect us?"—Jan Sean Montgomery

"Whether you are for or against gun control you can still recognize that H.R. 45 is simply unconstitutional!"—Joe Chollak

"A fear of weapons is a sign of retarded sexual and emotional maturity."—Sigmund Freud

"I live in Montana and I enjoy [spending] my time in the outdoors. I grew up learning the responsibilities of firearm ownership from my father and my grandfather. I use those same responsibilities in my everyday life. I spend my fall hunting and the meat that I harvest rarely remains in my freezer because I like to donate it to local charities like the rescue missions and the food banks in my hometown. If this regulation becomes readily available and can later be used as but step in the ladder to complete firearm [eradication]. If this bill is put into I know that many families who rely on groups like the food bank for meat will go without because this form of charity will become a distant memory."—Ryan Belke

"Once freedom is given up, or even compromised, it can never be taken back. Compromise, even in the deceitful form of regulations, is not an infringement on the ownership of guns, but an infringement on what it means to be an American and the rights granted, declared, and (supposedly) defended by the government whom the people support. These are our rights as Americans. Take them away, and you take America away. You take away life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness . . . because that is what Americans are promised. Take away the promise, and you leave us with nothing."—Justin Countryman

"If the right to bear arms is taken away, what will be next? One by one other freedom will be stripped away. The right to bear arms gives citizens the right and ability to defend themselves against criminals, and even if necessary our own government. In these uncertain times this is definitely a right we

don't want taken away. I've heard a quote and don't know the exact source that 'if guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns.'"—Niki Griffis

"HR 45 makes the jobs of criminals easier and threatens the safety of all law abiding citizens, with it you can also say goodbye to your 2nd and 4th amendment rights! It also hurts a family tradition of target shooting and hunting that so many people share."—Brant Manley

"Honest citizens use the right to bear arms as a source of recreation through hunting, trap shooting, etc. as well as for an essential source of protection in dangerous situations. We follow the firearm regulations that are already in place. Criminals, however, do not. The only people who will be affected by further restrictions against our right to bear arms will be law-abiding citizens. HR 45 will have no effect on criminals. Instead, the only people left with firearms will be the ones who should not possess them in the first place."—Christine Hodges

"I have seen it argued that HR 45 is simply a bill proposing gun registration. That contention is absolutely false. HR 45 is nothing less than a backdoor attempt to circumvent the 2nd Amendment, by harassing law-abiding citizens into giving up their firearms. Criminals don't register guns anyway. It's quite obvious who this bill is directed toward . . . and it isn't criminals. HR 45 addresses only law-abiding citizens; yet, treats them no better than convicted sex offenders or other felons just because they own a firearm. When the government starts using heavy-handed tactics to suppress the freedoms of law-abiding citizens, then those citizens need to stand firm in defense of their rights, and preserve the integrity of the US Constitution."—Debra Sullivan

CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING ACT OF 2009

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation I am introducing in the House of Representatives today entitled, the "Child Care Facilities Financing Act of 2009." I would like to thank the organizations that make up the National Children's Facilities Network (NCFN), as well as several of the Network's staffers, including Caitlin Kovalkoski, from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Corey Carlisle, from the Low Income Investment Fund, for all their guidance in revising this legislation that, if adopted, will meet the financial and technical needs of early care development.

Early care and education has a profound impact on the development of our nation's youth. To date, the federal government, in conjunction with state and local efforts, has invested billions of dollars through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and programs like Head Start and Early Head Start. While these efforts have done much to enhance early care in our nation, a lack of consistent funding and organized infrastructure has prevented the early childhood field from addressing its physical capital needs and creating the kind of environments that support quality programs.

President Obama has articulated on numerous occasions America's need to make headway in youth development programs. How-

ever, the supply of suitable spaces to house early childhood programs has not kept pace with the growth of the sector, and the shortage is especially severe in low-income communities—both urban and rural. Research conducted at a Connecticut preschool center documented how quality facilities result in more teacher-child interaction, more productive play with fewer conflicts among children, higher staff morale and lower staff turnover—all of which are established indicators of program quality. Yet it is rare to find high quality early learning centers designed to meet the unique needs of very young children, especially in low-income neighborhoods where programs typically occupy makeshift, surplus or donated space such as church basements or storefronts, and out of date school buildings designed for older children.

To address the shortfall in quality child care facilities, I am pleased to introduce the Child Care Facilities Financing Act of 2009, which will go a long way toward providing a dedicated source of capital for early care and education programs in our nation.

By allowing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to experienced non-profit community development organizations, my bill will help providers develop well-designed and appropriately-located facilities that will foster an environment of productive play and staff dedication. Non-profit facilities organizations can leverage a relatively small public investment with additional private capital, multiplying the total investment in child care facilities and serving even more children.

Over the past several years, two Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI's), the Leviticus Alternative Fund and the CDC of Long Island, have made nine loans to child care providers serving children from low-income families in my Congressional District. The Leviticus Fund lends to licensed child care centers and has made loans to Harbor Day Care, AMC Child Care Center, D&D Day Care, and Pat-Kam Early Childhood Center. The CDC of Long Island lends to Family Day Care providers and has lent to Susie's Day Care, Inc., Rosa's School House, Elena's Child Care, Barbara Grullon, and Carolyn Reid, all in the Fourth District. Passage of this legislation will further increase the support we can give to child care providers.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation for our nation's youth.

COMMENDING KIMBERLY NESBITT- GOOD OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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OF NEW JERSEY

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